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DECLARATION OF INVENTOR – COMMERCIAL SUCCESS

I, Edward F. Gerstenkorn, declare:

1. I am the inventor of the invention described in the patent application.
2. I was in law enforcement in various capacities for over 20 years. In addition, I have owned and operated a firearms store handling both high end hand guns and high end rifles for over 10 years. Night security at the store is a must. I grew frustrated over the years with the labor involved in moving weapons from a safe in the morning and back to a safe at closing. This frustration led to looking for an alternative for over 6 years before coming up with the present design.
3. After the filing of the application, I have had weapons display cases fabricated for my own use and as a result of orders for other gun shops and individuals. The sales have resulted in reorders and referrals.
4. The typical case costs over \$2,000.00 at retail and I have a backlog of orders.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and

issued thereon.

Date: December 11, 2002

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward F. Gerstenkorn", written over a horizontal line.

Edward F. Gerstenkorn